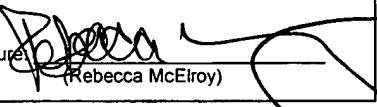


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 6 January 2005, time for response to which was set to expire 6 April 2005. The considered claims, claims 1 and 4-11, were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.